



RESPONSE UNDER 37 CFR 1.116
EXPEDITED PROCEDURE
EXAMINING GROUP 2143
Docket No.: 122.1435

IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re the Application of:

Kazutaka KOCHI et al.

Serial No. 09/772,919

Group Art Unit: 2143

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Filed: January 31, 2001

Examiner: BOUTAH, ALINA A

For: SYSTEM FOR OPERATING A PLURALITY OF APPARATUSES BASED ON
ACCUMULATED OPERATING TIMES THEREOF TO EQUILIZE THE RESPECTIVE
OPERATING TIMES OF THE APPARATUSES (AS AMENDED)

SUPPLEMENTAL PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT

Commissioner for Patents
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Attention: **BOX AF**

Sir:

This response supplements the Response filed July 7, 2006 particularly in relation to the Examiner's reliance on the Web site "Webopedia" as providing an authoritative definition of "round robin". (See discussion at page 10, second full paragraph, in relation to the Office Action at page 6, in the "Response To Arguments" the third paragraph, the last line relying on "Webopedia" for various claim terms underlying the Examiner's interpretation of claim language.) Applicants contend that "Webopedia" is not an authoritative source of such terms.

Applicants submitted with the prior Response Exhibits A, B and C comprising excerpts from the "Webopedia" Web site and includes further excerpts herewith, including Exhibit D, a copy of the "Webopedia" home page having a "menu" in the left column from which selected topics have been downloaded and copies provided, including "About Us" (Exhibit E), "NEW TERMS" (Exhibit F), and "Internet Grammar Concerns" (Exhibit G).

Exhibit E points out that "Webopedia" definitions:

...evolve and change as technologies change, so the definitions are frequently updated to reflect trends in the field. New terms are added on a daily basis and many of the new terms come from suggestions from the site's users.

Exhibit F is an example of new terms added on various dates from June 29 through July 7, 2006.

Exhibit G points out that it may take years before an agreement can be reached on:

...[T]he proper spelling and usage of words that seep into our vocabulary from common usage.

Accordingly, it is submitted that "Webopedia" concedes that definitions appearing therein have no claim to authenticity.

Applicants continue to submit that the "Webopedia" definitions cited and relied upon by the Examiner in support of the Examiner's interpretation of "operating time" are incapable of supporting the Examiner's interpretation of the claims herein and should be disregarded, leaving the Examiner's interpretation without support and subject to no weight.

Respectfully submitted,

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